

New Kimble Trash & Recycling Contract Frequently Asked Questions

Why was the City’s trash hauling contractor changed from Republic Services?

By law, the City must go out to bid for a new contract every 5 years. Two companies (Kimble and Waste Management) submitted bids in the publicly advertised bidding process by the July 1 deadline. Republic Services did not submit a bid.

Who is the new provider and when do they begin collecting trash and recycling at my house?

Kimble submitted the lowest and best bid, and City Council voted unanimously on July 25, 2024, to award the bid to Kimble. The new contract begins December 1.

What companies bid to be the provider?

Kimble and Waste Management were the two companies that submitted bids for the trash hauling contract by the publicly posted deadline. The City does not and cannot personally reach out to every trash hauling contractor to request bids. Instead, this is done through a formal, publicly advertised competitive bidding process, as required by law.

When was the new contract approved?

The contract with Kimble was unanimously approved by City Council at its July 25, 2024, meeting. The minutes are as follows:

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48 **ORDINANCE NO. 44-2024**

49 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH
50 KIMBLE FOR AUTOMATED RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION, DISPOSAL AND
51 RECYCLING SERVICES FOR A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING DECEMBER 1, 2024 was
52 offered by Ms. Tulley for its **first, second and third readings by title only**. Seconded by Ms. Brandt.
53 The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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55 Dir. Wilson shared that two companies submitted bids and that Kimble was the best and lowest bid, with
56 minimal price increases.

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58 The Mayor added that the City was required to go out to bid for a new contract and price increases were
59 fully expected, but fairly reasonable. No services are changing, and if approved, the contract will begin
60 on December 1, 2024.

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62 Ms. Tulley moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adopt ORD.NO. 44-2024 and post the same according to**
63 **law**. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 44-2024 declared and adopted.**

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I just received my bill from Republic Services and was charged through Dec. 31 for trash and recycling service. But I thought the Kimble contract started Dec. 1.

The City reached out to Republic Services regarding the billing error for trash and recycling services beyond the end of November. Republic has issued the following statement:

“The City of Macedonia has been in contact with Republic Services regarding the recent billing issue. Customers who have paid the full quarterly amount for October

through December will receive an automatic credit at the end of December. Customers who have not paid the full amount can pay for October and November instead of the full quarter. Service will end on November 30th. Republic Services apologizes for any inconvenience this issue has caused. For additional questions, please contact Republic Services at 216-441-6300.”

Why didn't the City negotiate a better deal?

The City does not negotiate trash hauling contracts. By law, the City must go out to bid for a new contract every 5 years [Codified Ordinance [CHAPTER 781 Residential Trash Haulers \(amlegal.com\)](#)]. The request for bids was publicly advertised in the newspaper and on our website. Two companies submitted bids by the deadline. Kimble's bid was the lowest and best bid of the two. The City Council voted unanimously to accept Kimble's bid.

The quarterly rate under Kimble for 2025 is a \$10+ increase over the current quarterly rate.

Why is there a price increase?

The previous trash hauling rates were set prior to the pandemic. As with most things, prices must reflect increases in operating costs. Costs that likely factor into trash hauling fees include labor, equipment and fuel.

Will my trash and recycling day stay the same? Will my level of service remain the same?

Your trash and recycling day will remain the same. If you were serviced on Tuesday by Republic, you will be serviced on Tuesdays by Kimble. Your level of service will also remain the same. Both trash and recycling will be picked up weekly, including bulk items.

Will I get new trash and recycling bins/totes? What will happen to the old Republic bins/totes?

Yes, you will receive new trash and recycling totes from Kimble. Those will be delivered by Kimble the week of Thanksgiving. Republic will pick up the old totes that same week.

I'm 65+ and currently qualify for a \$1/month senior discount on my Republic trash bill. Will that continue under Kimble?

Yes, Kimble will offer the same \$1/month discount for seniors. Information on how to request a senior discount from Kimble is forthcoming.

Low-income seniors and disabled residents can currently apply for free rubbish disposal.

Does that change?

No, the Senior Assistance Program is offered by the City of Macedonia and does not change, regardless of what company maintains the current trash hauling contract. You must reapply annually to determine eligibility, and proof of income must be submitted. The application for the Senior Assistance Program is available here: [Senior Assistance Programs | Macedonia, OH.](#)